

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

The embodiment shown in **Fig. 30** is similar to the embodiment of **Fig. 29**, except that an N+ region 414 is formed at the bottom of half-trench 402A to strengthen ~~strength~~ the ohmic contact between edge segment 184B and N region 408. N+ region 414 may be implanted along with the N+ source regions, as shown in **Fig. 17F**.